## MINUTES MEETING OF JULY 16, 1998 NEW YORK STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on Thursday, July 16, 1998, in the Executive office located at 1 Watervliet Avenue Extension, Suite 2, Albany, New York 12206.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

#### In Attendance Were:

Michael J. Hoblock, Jr., Chairman
Joseph P. Neglia, Member
Bennett Liebman, Member
Edward Martin, Executive Director
Stephanie L. Donato, Secretary to the Board
Robert Feuerstein, General Counsel
John Signor, Director of Audits and Investigations
Joseph Lynch, NYSRWB

#### Also in Attendance Were:

George Dranichak, NYSRWB Russell Baller, NYSRWB Nicole Robilotto, NYSRWB Jennifer Whalen, NYSRWB John Kinnicutt, NYSRWB Meg O'Keefe, NYSRWB Dave Fellows, Governor's Office of State Operations Charles Coppola, Coppola Ryan McHugh Bill Heller, Thoroughbred Times Brian Nearing, Daily Gazette Heather Bennett, Senator Larkin's Office Michael Tighe, Capital OTB Dennis Kopec, Capital OTB Michael Stricos, Capital OTB Bill Crowell, Hinman Straub Kyle Hughes, Gannett

- A The Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meetings held on June 18, 1998 and June 30, 1998.
- B ITEMS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED, DENIED OR DEFERRED BY THE CHAIRMAN
  - 1. VERNON DOWNS REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PROMOTIONAL EVENT For entry into the minutes, on June 16, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs to conduct the following promotional event:

Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> - 98.7 Radio Family Night - Vernon will offer patrons free admission and hamburgers for 98 cents. Patrons will also be given an entry form for a chance to win one of nine free smorgasbord dinners for two (18 free dinners in all). The drawing for the smorgasbord will take place after each of the nine live races on that evening.

This approval is conditioned upon non-paying customers being provided entry forms to participate.

- 2. FINGER LAKES RACING ASSOCIATION, INC. —SIMULCAST AGREEMENT For entry into the minutes, on June 17, 1998 approval was granted for the request by FLRA for approval of their simulcast agreement with the Nevada Pari-Mutuel Association for their 1998 live racing season.
- 3. FINGER LAKES RACING ASSOCIATION, INC. REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PROMOTIONAL EVENT

For entry into the minutes, on June 17, 1998 approval was granted for the request by FLRA to offer the following promotional event:

Subaru Ride and Drive Event held by Automotive Events from Warren, Ohio. Sales people from surrounding Subaru dealerships will be invited to test-drive the new cars. This event will take place in Finger Lakes' parking lot September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 2, 1998. September 30<sup>th</sup> will be the set-up date. The lower grandstand will be used for the lunch and a seminar.

4. VERNON DOWNS REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PROMOTIONAL EVENT For entry into the minutes, on June 17, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs to conduct a "Own a Racehorse" promotional event during the months of July, August and September whereas patrons will be given the opportunity to become mythical owners of the pacer Foyt Hanover, who is a regular at Vernon Downs.

There will be no cost or admission fee when signing up for this event.

5. BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PROMOTIONAL EVENT For entry into the minutes, on June 23, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Buffalo Raceway to conduct a promotional event called "Beanie Baby Bonanza" on Wednesday, June 24 through Saturday, June 27, 1998.

### 6. MONTICELLO RACEWAY REQUEST TO AMEND ITS HARNESS LICENSE

For entry into the minutes, on June 23, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend its 1998 Harness License as follows:

ADD: Wednesdays, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – post time 3:30 p.m. DELETE: Fridays, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>

The Board also granted permission to amend the post time for the month of July from 7:35 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### 7. NEW YORK CITY OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PROMOTIONAL EVENT

For entry into the minutes, on June 23, 1998 approval was granted for the request by New York City OTB to conduct a promotional event beginning July 29, 1998, offering patrons who currently do not have an existing telephone wagering account, the chance to open one for the first time.

### 8. CAPITAL DISTRICT REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PROMOTIONAL EVENT

For entry into the minutes, on June 23, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Capital OTB to conduct a mystery bet voucher promotion for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend to residents in the towns of Minoa, Kirkville, Cicero and East Syracuse.

This approval is conditioned upon random distribution.

### 9. FINGER LAKES RACING ASSOCIATION, INC. REQUEST TO AMEND SIMULCAST AGREEMENT

For entry into the minutes, on June 23, 1998 approval was granted for the request by FLRA to add five (5) satellite sites (The Ontario Jockey Club, Rideau Carleton Raceway, Elmira Raceway, Western Fair and Assiniboia Downs) to the Fort Erie Race Track simulcast agreement.

The Board also granted permission to re-broadcast Finger Lakes' simulcast signal to The Ontario Jockey Club's twenty-four (24) satellite sites.

10. VERNON DOWNS REQUEST TO AMEND ITS HARNESS LICENSE
For entry into the minutes, on June 23, 1998 approval was granted for the
request by Vernon Downs to amend its 1998 Harness License by canceling its live
racing program on Wednesday, August 12, 1998 and replacing it with an afternoon

card on Saturday, August 1, 1998.

### 11. FINGER LAKES RACING ASSOCIATION, INC. REQUEST TO REINSTATE TRIFECTA WAGERING

For entry into the minutes, on June 23, 1998 approval was granted for the request by FLRA to reinstate trifecta wagering in the last race of Finger Lakes' program to avoid the elimination of an exotic wager should the superfecta be canceled due to late/gate scratches.

#### 12. VERNON DOWNS- SIMULCAST AGREEMENTS

For entry into the minutes, on June 24, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs to simulcast its signal to Scioto Downs, Delaware Park and Calder Race Course for their 1998 live racing season.

#### 13. SARATOGA RACEWAY REQUEST TO SWITCH ALL TRIPLE NIGHT

For entry into the minutes, on June 25, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Raceway to switch all triple night from Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, due to the fact that there will be no racing on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> because of the Countryfest '98 being held in the infield.

### 14. NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION INC. REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PROMOTIONAL EVENT

For entry into the minutes, on June 26, 1998 approval was granted for the request by NYRA to provide 198 clubhouse admissions, parking and programs to the New York Lottery in conjunction with the conduct by New York Lottery of a promotion entitled "Saratoga Getaway Second Chance Sweepstakes Promotion for Saratoga Weekends."

### 15. NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION INC. REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PROMOTIONAL EVENT

For entry into the minutes, on June 26, 1998 approval was granted for the request by NYRA to offer the following promotional events during the Saratoga Race Course meet:

- 1. Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> Seventh Annual Hats Off to Saratoga Contest A \$100 bet voucher will be given to a patron with the most fashionable hat and a \$500 bet voucher for the Spirit of Saratoga (patron with the best theme hat).
- 2. In conjunction with Coors Brewing Company 2,000 free general admission coupons, valid on any Thursday during the Saratoga meet, will be placed on Coors Original 12 packs of bottles and cans for distribution in the Saratoga market. Coors will produce a total of 10,500 coupons, however, they will reimburse NYRA \$2.00 for each coupon redeemed above the 2,000.

- 3. In conjunction with Garden Way Inc. 1,000 free general admission coupons to be used as incentives at Troy-Bilt Power Lawn, Garden and Farm Equipment retail locations in the Saratoga market.
- 4. In conjunction with Amtrak- 100 free clubhouse passes given to patrons every Saturday and Sunday during the Saratoga meet to be used for Saratoga/Amtrak day trips.

# 16. SARATOGA RACEWAY REQUEST TO ADD SUPERFECTA WAGERING For entry into the minutes, on June 30, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Raceway to add superfecta wagering in the last race of Saratoga's live racing program beginning July 3, 1998.

The Board also granted permission for Saratoga Raceway to accept advance wagering in the afternoon of the evening's live program.

### 17. YONKERS RACEWAY REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SIMULCAST AGREEMENT

For entry into the minutes, on July 2, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Yonkers Raceway to extend the simulcast contract with Connecticut Off-Track Betting Corporation effective July 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

### 18. NASSAU OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION – SIMULCASTAGREEMENT

For entry into the minutes, on July 2, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Nassau OTB to simulcast Penn National Race Course as a bridge signal on all applicable evenings that conform to the Racing Law. The signal may be accepted upon the conclusion of the last race at the operating NYRA track and until 7:30 p.m. on or after Sunday, July 5, 1998. No wagering on any race with an advertised post time past 7:30 p.m. may be accepted.

This approval applies to Nassau OTB and as agent for Suffolk OTB.

#### 19. NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION INC. – RACES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

For entry into the minutes, on July 3, 1998 approval was granted for the request by NYRA to designate the following as races of special interest:

<u>Date</u>	Race	<u>Track</u>
7/18/98	River Downs Breeders' Cup Handicap (III)	River Downs
8/1/98	Calder Turf Sprint	Calder Race Course
8/9/98	Buick Haskell Inv.(I)	Monmouth Park
8/22/98	Miami Breeders' Cup Handicap	Calder Race Course
8/30/98	Phillip H. Iselin Handicap (II)	Monmouth Park

Remington Park Ellis

### 20. CAPITAL DISTRICT REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION REQUEST TO AMEND ITS PLAN OF OPERATION

For entry into the minutes, on July 1, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Capital OTB to relocate the Hoosick Falls branch location from Route 23 to 21 Lyman Street, Hoosick Falls, New York, effective July 1, 1998.

The Board also granted permission to transfer the existing Hoosick Falls simulcast license to the new location at 21 Lyman Street, Hoosick Falls, New York.

- 21. VERNON DOWNS AMENDMENT TO CLASSIFICATION OF RACES
  For entry into the minutes, on July 3, 1998 approval was granted for the request by
  Vernon Downs to switch from the present conditioned races to classified races, as
  outlined in Board rule 4108.2.
- 22. VERNON DOWNS REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PROMOTIONAL EVENT For entry into the minutes, on July 3, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs to conduct the following promotional events:
  - 1. Non-racing Related Concerts: Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup>
    Annual K-Rockathon, Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Matthews Band
    Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> Phish and Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>
    Fireworks over Central New York. The concerts and fireworks
    will be held on Vernon Downs' track infield.
  - 2. Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> Lite 98.7 Radio will promote a Ladies-Sylvan Beach Night by offering 98 cents admission to everyone attending. The first 500 paid admissions will receive a free coffee mug. A special all women race is planned for the night and women will be able to browse at booths set up by Mary Kay Cosmetics, Avon and Nu Skin in the new Founders Park at the track.

Approval was denied for Thursday "Dollar Nights" pursuant to Rule 4122.9(a).

### 23. NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION INC. REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PROMOTIONAL EVENT

For entry into the minutes, on July 3, 1998 approval was granted for the request by NYRA to offer free grandstand admission passes in conjunction with media sponsored promotions during the Saratoga Race Course 1998 meet.

#### 24. NEW YORK CITY OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION-SIMULCAST AGREEMENTS

For entry into the minutes, on July 3, 1998 approval was granted for the request by New York City OTB to simulcast Emerald Downs, Louisiana Downs and Ellis Park. Also approved is Penn National Race Course as a bridge signal on all applicable evenings that conform to the Racing Law. The signal may be accepted upon the conclusion of the last race at the operating NYRA track until 7:30 p.m. on or after Sunday, July 5, 1998. No wagering on any race with an advertised post time past 7:30 p.m. may be accepted.

This approval applies to all New York State Regional Off-Track Betting Corporations.

### 25. CAPITAL DISTRICT REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION REQUEST TO AMEND ITS PLAN OF OPERATION

For entry into the minutes, on July 3, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Capital OTB to amend their plan of operation to appoint Sarinande Corporation (Lisa Santoso, President), as the new concessionaire effective March 3, 1998, of their Imperial Racing Center in Schenectady, New York.

#### 26. SARATOGA RACEWAY REQUEST TO AMEND ITS PLAN OF OPERATION

For entry into the minutes, on July 7, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Raceway to amend its wagering format to all triple wagering on Tuesday and Friday nights in July and August.

The Board also granted approval to offer all triple wagering on Thursday and Friday nights beginning after Labor Day.

#### 27. VERNON DOWNS – SIMULCAST AGREEMENTS

For entry into the minutes, on July 7, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs to accept the simulcast signal from Monmouth Park and Rosecroft Raceway during their 1998 live racing season.

### 28. NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION INC. REQUEST FOR A RACE OF SPECIAL INTEREST

For entry into the minutes, on July 7, 1998 approval was granted for the request by NYRA to designate the Hollywood Pick Six to be held on Saturday, July 18, 1998 as a race of special interest, pursuant to Section 905-A of the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law.

NYRA will not offer any wagering or simulcasting, other than Pick 6, after 7:30 p.m.

#### 29. NEW YORK CITY OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION-SIMULCAST AGREEMENTS

For entry into the minutes, on July 7, 1998 approval was granted for the request by New York City OTB on behalf of itself, Nassau Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation, Suffolk Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation, Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation, Capital Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation and Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation with The Meadowlands for the acceptance of the simulcast signal beginning on July 10, 1998 through and inclusive on August 10, 1998.

However, on August 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Capital OTB cannot accept Meadowlands simulcast without prior approval from NYRA; and Western OTB needs approval from Finger Lakes.

#### 30. YONKERS RACEWAY – SIMULCAST AGREEMENT

For entry into the minutes, on July 9, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Yonkers Raceway to accept the simulcast signal from the Meadowlands on a nightly basis beginning July 10 through August 8, 1998.

### 31. CAPITAL DISTRICT REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION REQUEST TO AMEND ITS PLAN OF OPERATION

For entry into the minutes, on July 9, 1998 approval was granted for the request by Capital OTB to amend its simulcast plan of operation and establish a new simulcast branch in the Mount Royal Shopping Plaza, Route 9, Queensbury, New York.

#### D ITEMS TO BE APPROVED, DENIED OR DEFERRED BY THE BOARD

#### 1. MATTER OF KERWIN JOHN

The Board approved the recommendation of Hearing Officer Liebman that the decision of the State Steward at Finger Lakes Race Track to suspend Mr. John's license for ten days for careless riding in the fourth race of September 21, 1997, in violation of Board Rule 4035.2. be affirmed.

#### 2. MATTER OF STEPHEN SCOFIELD

The Board deferred a decision on the appeal by harness groom applicant Stephen Scofield from the February 10, 1998 decision to refuse him a license to participate in pari-mutuel racing as a groom.

#### 3. MATTER OF JOSEPH BADAMO

The Board approved the recommendation of Hearing Officer Liebman that the decision of the State Steward to suspend Mr. Badamo's license for ten days based upon careless riding in the fourth race on August 22, 1997, in violation of Board Rule 4035.2. be upheld.

#### 4. MATTER OF SHAUN BRIDGMOHAN

The Board approved the recommendation of Hearing Officer Liebman that the decision of the State Steward at Aqueduct Race Track to suspend Mr. Bridgmohan's license for ten days based upon careless riding in the fifth race on February 4, 1998, in violation of Board Rule 4035.2 be upheld.

#### 5. MATTER OF JEREMIAS FLORES

The Board approved the recommendation of Hearing Officer Liebman that the decision of the State Steward at Finger Lakes Race track to suspend Mr. Flores' license for ten days based upon careless riding in the fourth race on November 12, 1997, in violation of Board Rule 4035.2. be upheld.

#### 6. NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION INC. REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PROMOTIONAL EVENT

The Board approved the request by NYRA to conduct the following promotional event:

Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – "The Early Bird Double" – all paid admissions to Saratoga Race Course arriving before 1:00 p.m. will receive a free \$2.00 early daily double coupon. The coupon can be redeemed only on July 30<sup>th</sup> at mutuel windows for either of the two early daily doubles (races 1-2 or 2-3).

#### 7. NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION INC. REQUEST TO CONDUCT A PROMOTIONAL EVENT

The Board approved the request by NYRA to offer free clubhouse admission to patrons who purchase round trip transportation from New York to Saratoga Springs on Amtrack. This promotion will be held Saturdays, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and September 5, 1998.

#### 8. NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION INC. REQUEST TO ISSUE AN IRD DECODER

The Board approved the request by NYRA to issue an IRD (digital) decoder for viewing purposes only, to Stephen C. Hilbert, an out-of-state licensed owner who races his horses at NYRA.

#### 9. VERNON DOWNS REQUEST TO ADD A PASSING LANE AND TO CONDUCT PROMOTIONAL EVENTS

The Board approved the request by Vernon Downs to install a passing lane in the homestretch as a preliminary plan. Approval is conditioned upon the specifications of Board Rule 4117.17.

The Board also granted permission to offer the following promotional events:

Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Battle of the Media Round II – Vernon will follow the same procedure as the previous media race held on June 19<sup>th</sup>. That evening a "Cans & Clams" promotion in the new "Founders Park" will feature the sale of canned beer and steamed clams.

Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – Direct mailer to the track's guest mailing list, featuring a letter from the President, Justice Cheney, with a listing of upcoming promotions and free passes. Approval is conditioned upon a statement from Vernon Downs indicating the number of free passes issued.

Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – Battles of the Owners – a non-betting mile dash for owners of horses racing at Vernon Downs. Vernon Downs will follow the same procedure regarding the release of liability as applies for the media race.

#### 10. VERNON DOWNS - SIMULCAST AGREEMENT

The Board approved the Vernon Downs request to accept the simulcast signal from Ocean Downs on Wednesday nights during the month of July and August, 1998.

This approval is condition upon written confirmation of the Maryland Harness Horsemen's approval.

#### 11. BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL RACE DATES

The Board approved the approved the Buffalo Raceway request to extend their 1998 racing season with the following dates:

Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup> - 1:15 p.m. post time Friday August 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday August 8th - 7:30 p.m. post time Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> through Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 p.m. post time and racing to be conducted on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. For two programs, Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> post time is 1:15 p.m. with no nighttime racing.

Also approved was the changing of post times of two previously approved programs: Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> to 1:15 p.m. post times.

### 12. BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ITS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

The Board approved the Buffalo Trotting Association and Eric County Agricultural Society request to withdraw \$19,853.95 from their Capital Improvement Fund account for the following:

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_	Video comoro	for the announcers	booth at a cost of	\$3,400.00
•	- vadeo camera	for the announcers	DOOLD ALA COSLOL	<b>33.400.00</b>

• Two trucks for the maintenance department

1994 Ford Pick-up	\$13,000.00
1990 Dodge Pick-up	\$ 1,700.00

#### Total requested for withdrawal

\$19,853.95

This approval is conditioned upon the conduct of a physical inspection of the items.

### 13. FINGER LAKES RACING ASSOCIATION, INC. REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ITS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

The Board approved the Finger Lakes Racing Association, Inc. request to withdraw \$358,313.50 from their Capital Improvement Fund account for the following:

\$78,914.64-Residing Barns, install windows and doors

63,962.98-Replace Outer Track Rail

62,907.77-Tape Decks and Color Monitors

33,691.26-Replace Track Dinning Room Floor

27,526.86-Televisions and CCTV Equipment for Simulcast Signal

14,980.00-Install Clay in Barns (1)

12,348.07-TV Digital mix inscriber

12,430.29-Computers and Related Software

11,235.00-1988 Van

8,783.38-Work performed by Finger Lakes seasonal employees (1)

7,753.50-Video Media Equipment

51,856.41-Related project materials and miscellaneous items (2)

\$386,390.16-Total

23,763.38-Less Amount Held for Further Consideration (1)

4,313.43-Less Amount Denied (2)

\$358,313.50 Total Recommended Approval

This approval is conditioned upon our Staff performing an on-site inspection of capital assets.

### 14. NEW YORK CITY OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION REQUEST TO AMEND ITS PLAN OF OPERATION

The Board approved the request by NYC OTB to amend its simulcast plan of operation to relocate the 180 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York simulcast branch facility to 86 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York.

The Board also grants permission for New York City OTB to transfer the existing simulcast license from 180 Montague Street to 86 Livingston Street.

This approval is condition upon receipt of a letter of consent from the New York Racing Association Inc. authorizing simulcasting from NYRA tracks by July 24,1998.

### 15. NASSAU OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION- SIMULCAST AGREEMENT

The Board approved the request by Nassau OTB and on behalf of Suffolk OTB to simulcast the race card at Hawthorne Race Course in Cicero, Illinois beginning July 25, 1998. The Hawthorne race meeting is from July 1, 1998 through November 18, 1998.

### 16. CAPITAL DISTRICT REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION REQUEST TO AMEND ITS PLAN OF OPERATION

The Board approved the request by Capital OTB to amend its simulcast plan of operation to relocate the Hillsdale branch location to Route 23, Box 362, Hillsdale, New York.

The Board also granted permission to transfer the existing Hillsdale simulcast license to the new location.

This approval is conditioned upon receipt of written confirmation that the location is not located within 500 feet of a church or school and written confirmation from appropriate local officials that the location of such facility and the number of patrons expected to occupy the facility are in compliance with all applicable local ordinances.

### 17. CAPITAL DISTRICT REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION REQUEST TO AMEND ITS PLAN OPERATION

The Board with Member Liebman dissenting, approved the request by Capital OTB to conduct an experimental simulcast branch at Meadowgreens Golf Course on Route 9H in Columbia County through September 7, 1998.

Capital OTB must submit a report to the Board detailing the results of this experiment.

All Meadowgreens employees are prohibited from wagering.

In addition, this approval is conditioned upon a satisfactory return of the fingerprint cards from the principal owners of Meadowgreens.

#### E ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION

- 1. OTB BETTING CORPORATIONS 1997 FISCAL COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS -06-61-E Report by Division of Audits and Investigations.
- 2. CAPITAL DISTRICT REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION -07-39-E Third degree larceny at Star Plaza branch.
- 3. WESTERN REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION -07-37-E Certificate of occupancy for Watkins Glen simulcast facility.
- 4. CAPITAL DISTRICT REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION -07-40-E Notice of claim brought by former CDROTB employee Helen Broderick.
- 5. CAPITAL DISTRICT REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION -06-44-E
  Notice of claim brought by former CDROTB employee Robert Kenney.

- 6. CAPITAL DISTRICT REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION -06-45-E Notice of claim brought by Nancy and John Giacoppe.
- 7. WESTERN REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION -07-06-E Board committee members and chairmen for the calendar year 1998.
- 8. WESTERN REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION -07-05-E Robbery at 445 West Commercial Street, East Rochester branch.
- 9. WESTERN REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION -07-38-E
  Letter of intention from WROTB to purchase assets of Genesee Monroe Racing Assoc.
  and letter from James Samberg of Genesee Monroe Racing Assoc. regarding disposition
  of assets.
- 10. NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION INC. -06-63-E
  Cashin Associates final review and fee for Belmont Rail.
- 11. NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION INC. -06-62-E

  Cashin Associates preliminary report on the Aqueduct Racetrack pedestrian/vehicular tunnel repair.
- 12. NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION INC. -06-65-E Amendment to "Pick 6" rule
- 13. NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION INC. -07-42-E
  Report on \$2.5 million in commissions owed by Catskill OTB.
- 14. BATAVIA DOWNS -07-41-E
  Update by Audits and Investigations on status of Capital Improvement Fund account.
  After discussion the Board authorized Staff to:
  - 1. Write to Catskill directing payment to NYRA
  - 2. Write to NYRA requesting corrective action plan

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.